

Cohasset Mariner

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Editorial

New Newsmakers

"Hey John, if you don't go along with us you're going to get whacked on the head."

School Committee member Frank England to
School Supt. John Maloney

Last week School Committee Chairman Doris Golden told her fellow members to go home and grow up after two stalemated votes (3-3) thwarted attempts to deal with the new school budget.

This week, Supt. John Maloney, a moderate man not given to hyperbole, spent several minutes lacerating the committee for the souring rapport that has developed between his administration and committee members. He warned that chaos would ensue if the trend continues.

How's that for the future of education in Cohasset?

Supt. Maloney takes it one the chin regularly at meetings of the School Committee as the quotation from Frank England so aptly indicates. So do other members of the administration and teachers. This week one teacher told us he'd never take the kind of treatment that some committee members regularly dish out to Maloney and his lieutenants.

In brief, the Cohasset School Committee is making news these days, and the news — about the committee's squabbling — isn't good.

Philosophical differences over education are inevitable. That they do exist in Cohasset mean residents are probably being better represented than if the School Committee were lopsided on the liberal or conservative side. Philosophical differences, however, are not an invitation for rudeness, persistent distrust, vituperative remarks or some of the other histrionics that have come to plague committee meetings.

Without belaboring the point, we suggest the obvious: that the committee take steps to ease the tension that has developed between some members and the administration that snideness and rudeness be shelved; and that the pettiness that has come to descend on committee meetings be eliminated.

Plaza Pharmacy Robbed Of Drugs And Cash

Last Thursday night an armed robber made off with a quantity of narcotics and \$150 in cash from Cushing Plaza Pharmacy on Route 3A at approximately 8:30 p.m.

Robert Greenblatt of Quincy, the pharmacist, said that he and a clerk had been closing the store early because of the bad weather when a young man knocked on the locked front door. Greenblatt opened the door for him and was handed a note.

The note read, "Do what I say or you're dead!" and demanded narcotics, cash and a list of other drugs. It also warned, "Don't move for five minutes or I'll shoot everyone in here." The man followed Greenblatt inside the pharmacy

and displayed a Lugar type pistol.

Greenblatt complied with the orders and filled a large brown paper bag with the cash and drugs including valium, percodan, demeral, demoral injectable, eskatrol and dexedrine. As the robber left the store, he said, "Thank you."

A car which was determined as stolen may have been used in the robbery was found by police in the parking lot near the pharmacy.

The thief was described as white, with ear length brown hair and a full mustache. He was wearing a peacoat turned up at the collar, blue jeans, mirror sunglasses and an ace bandage on his right hand and wrist.

By John Cutler

Take her on a camping trip before you marry her.

An assessor should be prepared to change his mind at least twice a day.

People I know who have lived on the North and South Shores prefer the South.

Do you think this town could take its census more accurately if it used an abacus?

When those petitioners brag about their 200 signatures why don't they mention the several thousand voters who didn't sign the petition?

Get three Frenchmen together and they build a church, three Russians, and they start a revolution, three Germans and they open a brewery. Get five committee members together and they appoint a subcommittee.

Isn't anything ever on the AGENDUM?

If town meetings are taped, will boos be included?

I see no merit in the idea of having selectmen meet

Sunday mornings so a collection could be taken up.

James Gordon Bennett, who considered the word "news" plural, wired a reporter, "Are there any news?" "Not a new," the scribe wired back.

Mrs. O.H.P. Belmont, an early suffragette, was so absorbed in her fight for equal rights for women that when an associate got discouraged, she told her: "Call on God, my dear. She will help you."

Why aren't more South Shore cops booked for speeding?

Why, at cocktail parties, do guzzlers stand around the table barring access to other guzzlers?

A sign on a private pier leading to a boathouse on Edgartown Harbor: PRIVATE PROPERTY. KEEP OUT. TRESPASSERS WILL BE VIOLATED. And this sign I saw on a lawn on Grand Bahama Island: NO TRESPASSING. GUARD DOGS. SURVIVORS WILL BE PROSECUTED.

...Musings

In Boston they ask, how much does he know? In New York, how much is he worth? In Philadelphia, who were his parents? Here they ask, how are you?

Gourmets say dessert without cheese is like a beautiful woman with one eye. My mother used to say, "Apple pie without cheese is like a kiss without a squeeze."

Dumbwaiters haven't gone out of style. Now they're ambulatory.

When in Venice, what do the Romans do?

The difference between a misfortune and a calamity? If John Kerrigan (former chairman of the Boston School Committee) fell into the North River it would be a misfortune. If someone rescued him, it would be a calamity.

Don't use the word "erudite" unless you are erudite enough to pronounce it correctly.

The Recreation Report

By John Worley

For 1978

The annual report of the Director of Recreation offers the opportunity to inform the residents of Cohasset of the activities, programs, and services that their Recreation Commission has concerned themselves during the calendar year.

The Recreation Department completed its second year of full-time operation on November 9, 1978. During the past calendar year, November 1977 to October 1978, there have been 8,908 individuals of all ages that have participated in Recreation Department programs, activities, and special events.

During the first year of full-time operations the Department offered a variety of programs designed for all aged residents. Many of the programs were continued during this past year. Some have undergone re-structure, others were re-vamped entirely, and new programs were added as demand indicated. One of our primary functions is to continually monitor and evaluate all programs as to their effectiveness and popularity. In this regard we hope to remain open to suggestions and needs, while remaining dynamic and responsive to the leisure demands of the community.

Most recreation programs require a minimal registration fee. During the calendar year of October 12, 1977 — October 12, 1978, the Recreation Department generated \$5,012.00 via these fees. From July 1, 1978 to October 12, 1978 there has been \$796.65 transacted through the Recreation Department Revolving fund which became effective on July 1, 1978 as a result of state and town legislation.

One of the more significant program changes this year involved the Summer Playground Program. The 1978

program was offered at one central location, affording best utilization of staff and equipment. The program was a full day program that operated for eight weeks, Monday thru Friday, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. The apparent success of this program was quite evident as there were 335 children between the ages of six and 12 years enrolled in the 1978 Summer Playground Program. While program revisions often lead to a more successful program, it is ultimately the caliber of the program staff that determines the actual success of any program. This year's staff was of the highest caliber and afforded the children an outstanding summer experience.

Revisions were also made in the Summer Youth Tennis Program during the 1978 season. Classes were offered twice weekly, for a one hour period. This change also appeared to be successful as it offered more in-class time for the 114 participants.

Other new programs for 1978 that proved highly successful were: Dog Obedience, Womens' Fitness, Summer Gymnastics, as well as many special events. More than twenty-five regularly scheduled programs and over one dozen special events and activities were offered during the 1978 season. Each year the department hopes to add more programs, activities, services and events to the present schedule.

This summer, during July and August, a series of eight feature films were shown Thursday evenings at the Town Hall Auditorium. The movies were co-sponsored by the Cohasset Public Library and the Cohasset Recreation Department. Approximately 1,140 residents of all ages

attended the film showings at no charge.

A special thanks should go to Mr. Richard Hayes, Director of the Cohasset Public Library, and Mr. Kenneth Sargent, custodian of the Town Hall, for their services in regard to the film series.

Through grants from the American Federation of Musicians, The United States Government, and town appropriated funds, the Recreation Department was able to offer a series of seven band concerts during the summer months. Six concerts were held on the Town Common and music was provided by the 30 piece South Shore Concert Band. The seventh concert was provided by the United States Navy Show Band and was held at the Cohasset High School Auditorium. Attending the seven band concerts were approximately \$1,820 individuals.

Many special events and activities were conducted by the Recreation Department during the past year. Many of these events were jointly sponsored by local organizations and volunteers. Over 2,500 individuals attended the special events and activities. From time to time the Recreation Department will conduct special programs such as an Easter Egg Hunt, Fun Carnival, Seminars etc., etc. Information regarding these programs as well as other programs will be disseminated through local news media, posters, fliers, and schools.

Work continued this year at the Elms Meadow Skating area. At present the area is entirely functional, with lights for night skating. Further landscaping is scheduled for the spring of 1979. The area is approximately one acre in size and year round use will be available. The Recreation Department would like to extend their gratitude to the numerous town departments,

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